



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

Waiver Approval Finalized: Today, January 3, 2014, Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds announced that Iowa has received final documents from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the approval of the Iowa Wellness Plan and Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan waivers. The waivers were finalized on December 30, 2013.

The approval documents encompassed the terms of the agreement reached between CMS and Iowa. Issued with the approval were the special terms and conditions of the waiver. Review the [Iowa Wellness Plan](#) and [Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan](#) special terms and conditions.

Amendments to the waivers include the acceptance of premiums for individuals with income 50-100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, which may be waived for hardship or the completion of healthy behaviors. Nonpayment of premiums will not result in disenrollment for individuals with income 50-100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Premiums will also be permitted for individuals with income 100-133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

For additional information about the waiver approval, see the [frequently asked questions document](#).

Health Insurance Marketplace

New FAQs Released: Two new FAQ documents have been released from HealthCare.gov for application assisters.

- [Helping Consumers with Applications FAQ](#)
- [Helping Consumers with Eligibility and Plan Selection FAQ](#)

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